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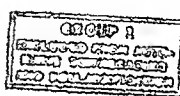
[] SENDS

1. IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE AIR TO A REASONABLE DEGREE IN REF TO ACTUAL TRACK FLOWN ON MISSION C-156C AND REF A I SUBMIT FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. ALL POSITIONS GIVEN IN INFORMAL REPORTS TO COL BACALIS DURING THE MISSION ARE EXTRAPOLATED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO US [] THIS HAS GENERALLY PROVEN TO BE HIGHLY RELIABLE IN MOST AREAS.

25X1D B. INFORMATION GIVEN IN REF B CAN BE CORRELATED QUITE CLOSELY WITH TRACK DATA GIVEN IN INFORMAL REPORT NBR 3 AND ALSO TRACK IN REF

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D. I FEEL THERE IS VERY LITTLE OR NO VARIANCE IN INFORMATION HERE.

C. REF C. PER DEFINITION THIS IS THE MISSION PILOT'S ESTIMATE OF THE ACTUAL TRACK FLOWN. THIS SHOULD ANSWER QUESTION IN PARA 2 OF CUF A. IT IS OBVIOUS TO ME THE MISSION PILOT DID NOT KNOW WITHIN THIRTY MILES HIS ACTUAL TRACK INBOUND OVER HAINAN ISLAND. FROM WHAT LITTLE INFORMATION WE CAN GLEAN FROM TRACKER FILM I AM CONVINCED ACTUAL TRACK CLOSELY APPROXIMATES THAT GIVEN IN INFORMAL REPORTS AND REF D.

2. CONSIDERING ABOVE I BELIEVE THERE ARE TWO SIGNIFICANT POINTS TO BE MADE:

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A. PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE IN THE [REDACTED] TO ALLOW FOR DETCO COMMENTS CONCERNING ANY OR ALL OF PILOT'S ESTIMATE OF ACTUAL TRACK FLOWN. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED I WILL HENCEFORTH MAKE SUCH COMMENTS WHEN APPROPRIATE.

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B. THE PLACEMENT OF A FLIGHT LINE SUCH AS DELTA TO ECHO ON CAN-
NED ROUTE 1239 IN A POSITION FOLLOWING A LONG OVERWATER FLIGHT IS NOT
TOO DESIRABLE. IT BECOMES EVEN LESS DESIRABLE AND PRACTICAL WHEN CAT
IV OR V WEATHER IS PREDICTED WHICH OBSCURES THE ONLY FEW SMALL LAND-
[REDACTED] TO HAINAN
ISLAND. NO OTHER NAVIGATION AIDS EXIST IN THIS AREA. FURTHER, CON-
SIDERING THE LOW LEVEL OF NAVIGATION PROFICIENCY OF OUR TWO OPS READY
DRIVERS DUE TO A TWO MONTH PROHIBITION OF OVERWATER NAVIGATION TRAINING
IT IS RECOMMENDED A VERY CLOSE LOOK BE GIVEN TO FUTURE MISSION
REQUIREMENTS WHICH FALL IN THE ABOVE CATEGORY.

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